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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on July 6, 2004, and having an original period for response of three (3) months, which expired on October 6, 2004, be extended by three month(s), such that it expires on January 6, 2005.

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